

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) An array comprising one or more oligonucleotides ~~complementary to reference RNA or DNA encoding a protein of~~ comprising 20-80 bases of SEQ ID NO: [[1]] 2 ~~or another mammalian (e.g. human) homologue thereof, where the reference DNA or RNA sequences for use in an assay to determine expression levels of SEQ ID NO:2 in a test are obtained from both a biological sample from a normal subject and a biological sample from a~~ subject exhibiting a cardiac, renal, or inflammatory disease, or from biological samples taken at different stages of a cardiac, renal, or inflammatory disease.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A diagnostic kit for the detection of a cardiac, kidney or inflammatory disease comprising an array of claim 3.

6. (currently amended) The diagnostic kit of claim 5 further comprising at least one of the following components:

- (a) an oligonucleotide probe;
- (b) a PCR reagent;
- (c) a detectable label; or
- (d) a biological sample taken from a human subject[[:]].
- ~~(e) an antibody to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1 or a further mammalian homologue thereof.~~

7. (currently amended) The diagnostic kit of claim [[4]] 3 wherein said biological sample is from blood or a tissue.

8. (original) The diagnostic kit of claim 7 wherein said tissue is a cardiac tissue.

9. (original) The diagnostic kit of claim 8 wherein said cardiac tissue is a left ventricular tissue.